

## APPENDIX B – AGENCY COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

Letter	Comment	Response
	24. While the use of National Wetland Inventory (NWI) maps, NC Coastal Region Evaluation of Wetland Significance (NC-CREWS) maps and soil survey maps are useful tools, their inherent inaccuracies require that qualified personnel perform onsite wetland delineations prior to permit approval.	Jurisdictional resources were delineated by qualified personnel, as described in Section 3.5.4.1 of the EA.
	25. Heavy equipment shall be operated from the bank rather than in stream channels in order to minimize sedimentation and reduce the likelihood of introducing other pollutants into streams. This equipment should be inspected daily and maintained to prevent contamination of surface waters from leaking fuels, lubricants, hydraulic fluids, or other toxic materials.	NCDOT will implement approved BMP measures from the most current version of NCDOT's <i>Construction and Maintenance Activities Manual</i> .
	26. Riprap shall not be placed in the active thalweg channel or placed in the streambed in a manner that precludes aquatic life passage. Bioengineering boulders or structures shall be properly designed, sized and installed.	All appropriate measures will be taken to protect streams and aquatic life based on NCDOT standard practices. Riprap is removed from streams where stream velocities are not erosive.
	27. Riparian vegetation (native trees and shrubs) shall be preserved to the maximum extent possible. Riparian vegetation must be reestablished within the construction limits of the project by the end of the growing season following completion of construction.	Appropriate measures will be taken to preserve and reestablish riparian vegetation to the maximum extent possible. Final designs will be prepared in accordance with BMPs from NCDOT's toolbox, which recommend the reestablishment of riparian vegetation.
A-04 Statewide Planning 11/09/2009	As a result of this review the following is submitted: NO COMMENT	No response is required.
A-05 Floodplain Management Program 11/02/2009	As a result of this review the following is submitted: NO COMMENT	No response is required.
A-06 Department of Agriculture 10/19/2009	As a result of this review the following is submitted: NO COMMENT	No response is required.
A-07 Department of Cultural Resources SHPO 11/02/2009	As a result of this review the following is submitted: NO COMMENT	No response is required.